Indigenisation of spare parts used in Indian cars

763. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of indigenous content of spare parts used in Indian cars at present; and

(b) by when the stage of cent per cent indigenization likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) As per statistics compiled by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturer (SIAM), the percentage of indigenous content in vehicles in India is quite high and varies from model to model. In some models it is as high as 95%.

(b) The automobile industry world over follows integrated manufacturing process with components and systems being sourced from various places and consolidated in assembly plants. Since some of the spare parts/items are not manufactured in India, the requirement is met by import. The indigenization of the same would be possible only when the industry attains economy of scale and the domestic manufacturing of these items becomes economically viable.

Revival of Hindustan Cables Limited

764. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the over all situation of the sick public sector undertaking Hindustan Cables Limited;

(b) the accumulated loss of the company during the last three financial years;

(c) the main reasons for this sickness of the unit;

(d) the steps being taken to revive the unit;

(e) whether any time-frame has been set to revive this unit;

(f) whether Government is considering any revival package or VRS scheme to improve the company; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) is making losses since 1995-96. The company was referred to BIFR in the year 2002 and was declared sick in 2003. There is no production activity in its three units since 2003. Government of India is providing non-plan loan for salary, wages and statutory dues within the budgetary constraints.

(b) Details are as follows:-